

R E V I E W.

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I Have spent two Reviews in a Digression upon this Barbarous War, carried on for many Years among our Northern Protestant Nations, to the Eternal Infamy of the Parties; I must give you another upon this Occasion, and then I shall go on where I left off.

The first thing I observe, is, That Almighty God has, from Heaven, so wonderfully testified his Displeasure against the Nations I am speaking of, that I admire no notice has been taken of it in the World, (*viz.*) That as the Plague has for some Years made dreadful Ravages in the Northern Parts, so no Country in Christendom has yet been visited, but those very Countries which are embark'd in this bloody Method of making War. I believe I am so exact in my Observation, that, except *Koningsberg*, in the Royal *Prussia*, and I will not say the *Prussian* has no concern in it neither, *I am literally and exactly right*, I wonder no Eyes have been open to observe this before.

Methinks the Kings, and Princes, and People too, that part of the World, should be sensible of this, and reflect with Regret upon the Hand of Heaven in so terrible a particular; Methinks they should see what Calamities their Subjects suffer, *perhaps on their Account*, since they alone are singled out from all the Nations of the World as the Subject of so severe a Visitation.

Besides this, it may be observed, That, except *Poland*, where this Infection began, all the Desolation the Plague has hitherto made, has been in the Protestant Part of the World, and among the Protestant People; and yet those very Protestants are still Tearing one another to Pieces in the most Furious and unnatural manner possible.

From hence, give me leave to observe, How in all this War, every Party has in their Course or Turn been Overthrown in the middle of their Prosperity and Success, by the same kind of Error and Mistake; *namely, by overrunning themselves in their Prosperity*, not one of them having been able to take warning from the others Misfortunes, or to act with Moderation in the time of their Success; *Take some of them for Examples.*

King Augustus having, to the surprize of this part of the World, jump'd into the *Polish* Throne, having disappointed the *French* Project of setting up the Prince of *Conti*, and being received and acknowledged, without any Opposition of Neighbours, might to this day have enjoy'd in Peace what he had procur'd by Art, and been quiet in the Possession of that Crown, which Policy, not Strength had obtained for him, had not his *Ambition*, or whatever you please to call it, push'd him upon breaking with the *Swedes*, a Nation superior to him every way, both in Numbers, Goodness of Troops, and Means to raise them. But from his unjust Attempt upon *Riga*, and invading *Livonia*, which was the *Swedes* Dominion, all things went wrong with him, and *this running beyond himself*, has been HIS Overthrow.

Next him, the *Swede* took his Turn, his Success was the Astonishment of Mankind. he brought the *Dane* to a Peace, by the Assistance of *England* and *Holland*, in the first place; Next, he drove the King of *Poland* from before *Riga*, and quite out of *Livonia*; then he beat 120000 *Muscovites* at the Battle of *Narva*; he overthrew King *Augustus* at *Cracow*; and again, on the Frontiers of *Silesia*: He beat him out of *Poland*, follow'd him into *Saxony*, and made him quit the first to preserve the last; His Enemies, struck with the Terror of his Arms, trembled at him: The *Czar* offered him Peace almost upon any Terms; but not able to set Bounds to his Resentment, or govern his Prosperity with Moderation, nothing would serve him, but to March into a Desert, and, I may say, *Wander*, rather than *March*, with his Army into *Muscovy*, on a wild Notion of dethroning the *Czar*: This, I foretold, would ruin him, and printed it in this Paper, that his *Piper* would lead him such a Dance as he would not find his way Home again, and so it has proved, for his *Piper* is not come yet, and *this running beyond himself* has been HIS Overthrow.

Then comes the *Dane*, One would have thought he might have been made Wise by the Disasters of

of his Neighbours, according to the old Rule, *Felix quæm faciunt aliena Pericula cautum*, but Pride and his own Fate hurried him on, and when he had come off without Blows, and might have set still in Peace, and only look'd on upon the Calamities of his Neighbours; he must break again with the *Swedes*, without the least new Provocation, and in pursuit of this Humour he invades *Schonen*: I have no second *Sight*, nor do I pretend to prophesie; but upon his Preparation for that Expedition; I took the Liberty to say, in the *Review*, which I refer to those that have them by them to prove, That if he (the *Dane*) did attack the *Swedes* in their Distress, their King fled, and their Affairs in Confusion, and did invade *Schonen*, they should not prosper, and so it prov'd; They are entirely defeated, at the great Battle of *Helsingburg*, by Count *Steinboch*, and, this running beyond himself, has been HIS Overthrow.

Not sufficiently warn'd by these Misfortunes, the *Czar* comes next, and he, the *Turks*, having declar'd War against him, Marches against them with a powerful Army, but not content to wait the coming of the *Turks*, on the Bank of the *Boristhenes*, where he had his own Country behind him, and his Allies of *Poland* at his Elbow, to furnish him with Provisions, he must just fall into the King of *Sweden's* Error, and *Wander* (as I call'd it before) rather than *March*, through the Barren Waits of *Moldavia* and *Walachia*, till the *Tatars* having cut off his Provisions, and the *Turks* having surrounded him, he was fain to B E G, or, as some say, B U Y a most scandalous dishonourable Peace, and, this running beyond himself, has been HIS Overthrow.

How far this may yet be the Fate of Count *Steinboch*, I cannot foretel, I think he has run a terrible Risque, time must discover it: — We have now, a New Flame kindled; the *Turks* have broken with the *Muscovites* a second Time, and the King of *Sweden* is preparing for an Irruption into *Poland*, and, as I have twice been moved to foretel the Event of the wild Undertakings, above noted, and have, in both, been right; so let those who think it worth while, observe the Issue of what I am now saying.

The Preservation of the *Swedish* Dominions in *Germany*, the preserving the *Swedes* in a Posture of Power to Guard and Protect the Protestant Interest in *Germany*; these, every Good Protestant must be Friend to, and therefore, when, formerly, I exposed the false or rash Steps, taken by that vigorous King, and shewed how destructive they were to the Good of *Europe*, how he might have finished the Calamities of *Europe* long ago; and made a Peace for us that every Body must have liked; but omitted that Glorious Opportunity to pursue Great and Impracticable Designs, which threatned all his Glory with an Eclipse: — I say, when I spoke what I thought just of that Part, yet I always said, and say still, Protestant Princes of *Europe* are all mad, if they see the *Swedes* be beaten out of *Germany*, whether the *Danes*, *Saxons* and *Poles*, whom I call Christians, or by the *Muscovites*, whom I do not call so, — as my last.

But, now the *Swede* is, as we are told, brought down the *Turks* into Christendom, a Design, God's Mercy disappointed him in two Years ago, to our great Regret: — Now, I say, he hopes again to do it; and our News Papers say, he is to have an Interview with the *Turkish* Emperor; where, what they say is true, a *Sight* is to be seen, which I confess, is, to me, a very sad one, and which was never seen yet in the World, (*viz.*) a Protestant King sitting in Council with a *Mahometan* Emperor, consulting together, to invade the Christian Countries, and Christian Princes of *Europe*; for, the News Papers say, his *Swedish* Majesty is to have an Interview with the Grand Signior, and to hold a great Council of War with him.

If the King of *Sweden* makes use of the *Turks* to bring him Home, and with Honour and Safety to bring him into the Hands of his own Subjects, and no more I have, so far, nothing to say: But if he heads the *Turkish* Armies, or joyns with them in a stated War against the *Poles* and *Muscovites*, to push the conquering those Princes, and dethroning or ruining them by the *Turkish* Power; as I said before of the *Dane's* last Time make the Truth of it appear, I say, by the *They SHALL NOT prosper.*